THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No standard size of bookstall or counter tables has been laid down by the Ministry of Railways. Sizes are decided by Zonal Railways keeping in view availability of space, passenger demand, congestion on platforms, etc.

(c) Zonal Railways have been advised to review the need for continuing the existing stalls etc., and reduce them wherever warranted.

Cultural festival

1512. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the cultural fesival being organised in Delhi from November 9, 1986;

(b) wheher there are plans to arrange such festivals in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Some of the main features of the National Cultural Festival being organised in Delhi are as follows:—

(i) The main thrust of the Festival is the involvement of the people of Delhi in the celebration of the Festival by providing an opportunity to them to see the rich and varied cultural heritage of the country. It will also enhance cross-cultural communication and inter-action by bringing together artistes from all over India.

(ii) Seven Mukhya Maidans in densely populated areas in Delhi are the venues for celebration of the Festival. The cultural troupes from each of the seven Zonal Cultural Centres set up recently around the country have been performing at each of the seven Maidans for two days. These Centres have brought about 500 participants each and are holding exhibitions of their handicrafts, music, dance, theatre and organising workshops, group discussions etc. The other participating components are the schools and colleges.

(iii) During the course of the Festival specific days have been alloted for special manifestation to be reflected in the programmes of all Zonal Camps as well as sites specially chosen for the occasion. 14th November being Jawaharlal Nehru birth anniversary has been devoted to children for programmes that vary from roadside events, games to special events in the institutions for the handicapped and underprivileged children. 19th November being the birth anniversary of Mrs. Indira Gandhi has been declared by the Prime Minister as the Environmental Day.

(iv) Special events known as 'Goonjte Pathar' are being organised in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India in different parts of Delhi. In order to delineate the four major streams in our cultural heritage the Festival has also created the concept of 'The Four Khas Baghs' as Kavya Bagh, Nritya Bagh, Natya Bagh and Sangeet Bagh. Here in these Baghs well-known maestros have been rehearsing, discussing and performing among themselves and their viewers.

(b) and (c) The intention is to have such festivals in other parts of the country but definite proposals have yet to be worked out.

Loss suffered by DTC

1513. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by DTC during the period from April, 1986 to October, 1986; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to eliminate the losses in DTC?